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RECOMBINANT PHYCOBILIPROTEIN AND PHYCOBILIPROTEIN LINKER FUSION PROTEINS AND USES THEREFORE

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants are submitting herewith copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application.

The attached documents were cited by the European Patent Office in the International Search Report dated February 13, 2002, of the corresponding application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

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